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**Committee Bill No. 6338**

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:  
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR FIRE SERVICE TRAINING.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-323p of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

3 (a) The Office of State Fire Administration shall maintain and  
4 operate a state fire school which shall serve as the training and  
5 education arm of the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control. The  
6 use of any hazardous material, as defined in section 29-307a, except a  
7 virgin fuel, is prohibited in the simulation of any fire. The office shall  
8 fix fees for training and education programs and sessions and for such  
9 other purposes deemed necessary for the operation and support of the  
10 school, subject to the approval of the commission. Such fees shall be  
11 used solely for training and education purposes.

12 (b) The commission may establish and maintain a state fire school  
13 training and education extension account, which shall be a separate  
14 account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any  
15 moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. The account  
16 may be used for the operation of such training and education

17 extension programs and sessions as the Office of State Fire  
18 Administration may establish, [and] for the purchase of such  
19 equipment as is required for use in the operation of such programs and  
20 sessions, and for the costs of certification of municipal volunteer and  
21 paid fire service personnel or state agency fire service personnel. All  
22 proceeds derived from the operation of the training and education  
23 extension programs and sessions shall be deposited in the General  
24 Fund and shall be credited to and become a part of the resources of the  
25 account. All direct expenses incurred in the conduct of the training,  
26 certification and education programs and sessions shall be charged,  
27 and any payments of interest and principal of bonds or any sums  
28 transferable to any fund for the payment of interest and principal of  
29 bonds and any cost of equipment for such operations may be charged,  
30 against the account on order of the State Comptroller. Any balance of  
31 receipts above expenditures shall remain in the account to be used for  
32 its training and education programs and sessions, and for the  
33 acquisition, as provided by section 4b-21, alteration and repairs of real  
34 property for educational facilities, except such sums as may be  
35 required to be transferred from time to time to any fund for the  
36 redemption of bonds and payment of interest on bonds, provided  
37 repairs, alterations or additions to educational facilities costing fifty  
38 thousand dollars or less shall require the approval of the  
39 Commissioner of Public Works, and capital projects costing over fifty  
40 thousand dollars shall require the approval of the General Assembly  
41 or, when the General Assembly is not in session, of the Finance  
42 Advisory Committee.

43 (c) The commission may establish and maintain a state fire school  
44 auxiliary services account, which shall be a separate account within the  
45 General Fund. The account shall be used for the operation,  
46 maintenance and repair of auxiliary service facilities and for such other  
47 auxiliary activities of the state fire school as the Office of State Fire  
48 Administration determines. The proceeds of such activities shall be  
49 deposited in the General Fund and shall be credited to and become a  
50 part of the resources of the account. All direct expenses of operation,

51 maintenance and repair of facilities, food services and other auxiliary  
52 activities shall be charged, and any payments of interest and principal  
53 of bonds or any sums transferable to any fund for the payment of  
54 interest and principal of bonds and any cost of equipment for such  
55 operations may be charged, against the account on order of the State  
56 Comptroller. Any balance of receipts above expenditures shall remain  
57 in the account to be used for the improvement and extension of such  
58 activities, except such sums as may be required to be transferred from  
59 time to time to any fund for the redemption of bonds and payment of  
60 interest on bonds, provided repairs, alterations or additions to  
61 auxiliary service facilities costing fifty thousand dollars or less shall  
62 require the approval of the Commissioner of Public Works, and capital  
63 projects costing over fifty thousand dollars shall require the approval  
64 of the General Assembly or, when the General Assembly is not in  
65 session, of the Finance Advisory Committee. The commission, with the  
66 approval of the Finance Advisory Committee, may borrow from the  
67 resources of the General Fund at any time such sum or sums as it  
68 deems advisable, to establish or continue auxiliary services activities,  
69 such sums to be repaid in accordance with such schedule as the  
70 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall establish.

71       Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) The sum of two million five hundred  
72 thousand dollars is appropriated to the state fire school training and  
73 education extension account established by section 7-323p of the  
74 general statutes, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June  
75 30, 2008, to be used by the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control  
76 for funding entry level courses for volunteer and paid fire departments  
77 and state agency fire departments

78       (b) The sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars is  
79 appropriated to the state fire school training and education extension  
80 account established by section 7-323p of the general statutes, from the  
81 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, to be used by  
82 the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control for funding entry  
83 level courses for volunteer and paid fire departments and state agency

84 fire departments.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	7-323p
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require the state to fund entry level training for volunteer, paid and state agency fire personnel.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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